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E.O. 12065: GDS 12/15/84 (HALLMAN, WILLIAM H.) OR-P  
TAGS: SHUM CASC AR  
SUBJ: GENERAL VIOLA ON HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS

WHEN THE AMBASSADOR SAW ARMY CHIEF ROBERTO VIOLA  
DECEMBER 13 THE GENERAL SAID:  
A) SERIOUS STUDY IS BEING GIVEN TO A CHRISTMAS AMNESTY  
LIST. VIOLA NOTED THAT IN ROSARIO 140 NAMES OF PERSONS  
PROPOSED FOR RELEASE HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO AUTHORITIES  
HERE, AND THAT IT LOOKED NOW THAT ONLY SOME 20 NOT BE  
APPROVED FOR RELEASE. HE INDICATED THESE LISTS WERE  
COMING FROM ALL MAJOR AREAS AND THAT GOOD RESULTS  
COULD BE EXPECTED.  
B) TO THE AMBASSADOR'S INQUIRY ON THE PANERO CASE  
VIOLA PROMISED THAT MARIA SUSANA WOULD BE RELEASED IN  
"A MATTER OF DAYS."  
C) SUMMING UP, VIOLA SAID THAT BY THE TIME OF THE  
INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION VISIT HE  
EXPECTED THAT A GREAT DEAL OF PROGRESS WILL HAVE  
BEEN MADE TOWARD CLEARING OUT THE JAILS. WITH  
REGARD TO DISAPPEARANCES HOWEVER HE ADMITTED  
THAT THERE WAS NO WAY OF BRINGING BACK TO LIFE  
ALL THE DEAD.  
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